

State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: COWLITZ WILDLIFE AREA - KIONA UNIT - CULVERT REPAIR

Description of Proposal: Excavate existing culvert fill and bedding material, and stockpile on site for reuse. Remove existing 36" culvert. Place and compact culvert bedding material for the new arch pipe culvert. Place new 60" wide by 46" high by 40' long galvanized steel arch pipe culvert. Place/reuse and compact stockpiled material excavated during the removal of the 36" culvert to backfill new culvert. Remove excess stockpiled material (11 CY) and haul off site to an approved dump site. Stage removed 36" culvert at the Cowlitz WA for future use. Total net fill will be 11 cubic yards.

Net cut below OHW: 69 cubic yards. Net fill below OHW: 58 cubic yards Total Net fill for this project = 11 cubic yards above OHW.

Proponent/Applicant:

WDFW Engineering Cynthia Knudsen 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Cowlitz Wildlife Area Washington, Lewis County; Section 13, Township 12 North, Range 6 East WM

From Randel travel west on US - 12W for 2.5 miles. Turn Left at Savio Rd. Proceed 308 feet, and take the first left onto Savio Road E. Follow the road, keeping past mobile home to gate marked "Cowlitz Wildlife Area". If gate is locked, proceed on foot along forest road to the field where the road opens up. Project site is east of the road along the ditch.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **Date July 6, 2011.**

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this

proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/ Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

DATE OF ISSUE: June 22, 2011 SIGNATURE: Tuesa A. Clurage

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)

2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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